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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST AND "PROGRESSIVES" VISIT
MOZAMBIQUE

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN GIVING PUBLICITY TO VISIT
OF THE LEADERS OF THE PORTUGAL-MOZAMBIQUE FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION (AAPM), LED BY ONE SILVA GRACA. THIS
3-MAN DELEGATION TOURED THE COUNTRY AND CONCLUDED
THEIR 10-DAY VISIT WITH A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
MACHEL ON AUGUST 24. THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING
WAS NOT ANNOUNCED.

2. LOCAL PRESS ALSO FEATURED VISIT OF CARLOS COSTA,
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND POLITBURO OF
THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP). COSTA MET
WITH FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS
AND LABOR MINISTER MARIANO MATSINHA ON AUGUST 27.
THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS,
WAS "THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FRATERNAL RELATIONS"
BETWEEN PCP AND FRELIMO.

3. COMMENT: COSTA AND DOS SANTOS ALSO LIKELY DIS-
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CUSSED THE RECRUITMENT OF CONTRACT PORTUGUESE TECH-

NICIANS IN PORTUGAL BY THE PCP FOR WORK IN MOZAMBIQUE.
DOS SANTOS IS IN CHARGE OF RECRUITING FOREIGN DOCTORS
AND TECHNICIANS. BOTH THE AAPM AND PCP VISIT
ARE CONSISTENT WITH FRELIMO'S POLICY OF MAINTAINING
FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH "PROGRESSIVE" ORGANIZATIONS
IN COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT "PROGRESSIVE."
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